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SUBJECT: SECGEN DECIDES AGAINST INVITING ARGENTINA TO
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WP-4 (MEAT)

REF: OECD PARIS 12570

1. DURING MAY 23 COUNCIL MEETING UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS"
SECGEN ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HE HAD
DECIDED AGAINST INVITING ARGENTINA TO JOIN WP-4. IN
ADDITION TO ISSUE OF PRECEDENT RAISED BY SOME DELEGA-
TIONS, SECRETARIAT HAD CONCLUDED THAT (L) NO SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION COULD BE EXPECTED FROM ARGENTINE PARTICI-
PATION; (2) CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMALITY OF MEETING
MIGHT BE LOST; AND (3) THERE WAS QUESTION OF STATUS OF
OTHER NON-MEMBER MEAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT
ALSO WISH TO ATTEND IF ARGENTINA DID.

2. SPANISH DEL REGRETTED DECISION AND ASKED THAT SEC-
GEN'S STATEMENT AND HIS REGRETS BE RECORDED IN MINUTES.
US DEL (KATZ) WITHOUT TAKING DIRECT ISSUE WITH SECGEN,
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REMINDING COUNCIL THAT OECD HAD A RECORD OF FLEXIBILITY

IN LETTING NON-MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK AS
PROBLEMS WARRANTED. HE HOPED THAT THIS DECISION WAS
NOT BASED ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF NON-MEMBER
PARTICIPATION BUT ON SPECIFICS OF ARGENTINE MEAT CASE.
SECGEN AFFIRMED THAT DECISION WAS BASED ON LATTER.

3. COMMENT, FYI: REGARDING MEAT-EXPORTERS OTHER THAN
ARGENTINA: ARGENTINA EXPORTS ARE ABOUT THREE TIMES THOSE
OF NEXT IMPORTANT NON-MEMBER EXPORTER, BRAZIL.
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